

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SPIRALLING UNEMPLOYMENT  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of unemployed in the country is spiralling; and  
(b) if so, the concrete measures initiated by the Government to check the said trend?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per results of these surveys, unemployment rates estimated on usual status basis during 1993-94 to 2009-10 are given below: Unemployment Rates (as % of labour force)

Period	Rural			Urban		
	Male	Female	Persons	Male	Female	Persons
1993-94	1.4	0.8	1.2	4.0	6.2	4.5
1999-00	1.7	1.0	1.5	4.5	5.7	4.7
2004-05	1.6	1.8	1.7	3.8	6.9	4.5
2009-10	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.8	5.7	3.4

(b) Government have taken several steps to reduce unemployment in the country. The focus is on creation of productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise incomes of masses to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports, etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.